



The Naperville Trapshooter

The Official Newsletter of the Naperville Sportsman's Club November 2020

The Fred Section

Members' Meeting and Board Meeting

We will have a member's meeting followed by a board meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday, November 10th. The meeting starts at 7:30; doors open at 7:00. All members are invited and urged to attend both meetings.

Time to renew your membership for 2021

It's time to renew your membership for 2021. The renewal for regular members is \$55. (\$25 for associate members) Please pay by check to the PO box (mail to Naperville Sportsman's Club, PO Box 27, Naperville, IL 60566) or by cash or check at the counter during shooting hours or at the monthly meeting. **If you pay by cash, you must be given and retain a receipt.**

If you would like any family member badges, they are available for a reduced price of \$1 each if ordered with your renewal. (vs. \$2 if ordered separately) To order them, include the extra \$1 each, say what you want, and for each person, include the name, call name, and relationship to you.

NSC Elections

Each year we hold elections for all 4 officer positions, 2 of the 6 director positions, and the member of the year / Dennis Haffner service award. For the officer and director position, any full member can nominate any other full member, including themselves at the November meeting. For the member of the year there are no official rules, but the practice has been that any member can nominate any member.

NSC Election Absentee Ballots

Absentee voting is available this year for those who can't attend the December 8th meeting. You can request an absentee ballot any time after November 10th and must have it back in my hands by 7:30 PM December 8th.

Write me at [Tureks @ Ameritech.net](mailto:Tureks@Ameritech.net) or call me **630-717-0437** and leave a message if not answered or write me at **7 S. 421 Green Acres Dr. Naperville, IL 60540**.

More thorough instruction will be given with the ballot. If you mail it back to me then nobody (not even me) will see how you voted. If you send it electronically (e.g. scan and email or fax) then I will be the only one who sees how you voted.

...*Fred Turek*
Secretary

President's Message

Nominations for the 2021 Board of Directors

Nominations for all of the Officers, two Directors, an Election Chairperson and the Dennis Haffner Service Award will be accepted during the Member's Meeting on November 10th. All "Full" Members in good standing are eligible to nominate or serve for any position. Please let us know if you are interested in serving. The election will be held during the Annual Meeting of the Members on December 8th.

Club Open N.Y.E

As of this writing the plan is for the Club to be open on New Year's Eve. Thursday December 31st, regular hours. I look forward to seeing you there.

New "Probationary" Member

At the October meeting the Board approved Hafeez Bhurgri for Probationary Membership. When you see him in the clubhouse or on the line please congratulate him on becoming new Probationary Member of the Club.

Returning Member

At the October meeting the Board approved Mark Pope for Full Membership. When you see him in the clubhouse or on the line please welcome him back to the Club.

Upcoming Events

NSC 2020 Wobble League: Ongoing

NSC Gobble Wobble Shoot: Thursday November 12th

NSC N.Y.E. Protection Shoot: Sunday December 27th

NSC Trap Fundamentals: On hiatus until 2021

NSC Concealed Carry Class: December 5th and 6th

We Mourn the Loss of Two Longtime Members

Ray Courney passed away on October 25th. His obit is here:

<https://legacy.co/381W3po>

Glen Ekey passed away on October 23rd. His obit is here:

<https://legacy.co/2G1ud0M>

I will be asking the Club to donate to their preferred charities.

New Member Orientation

The next three new member orientations (informal history and workings of the club) will be held at the club on Sunday November 8th, Sunday December 13th and Sunday January 10th at 10:00 AM. Please RSVP to myself at 630-842-0391. The Range Volunteer clinic will begin at 11:00 AM on those days. Everyone interested in learning how the machines work should attend.

.... *Jim Monk*
President

Training Committee Report

October completed our 5th Conceal Carry Class for this year. Our membership has continued to seek proper training in firearm safety, storage, and use in these trying times we have been experiencing this year. I am planning one last Conceal Carry for the weekend of November 14th or December 5th. If you have any family members interested, please let me know.

October was also our last Trap Fundamentals Class for this year. We had a great group of folks, and fantastic support from our members. Our feedback scores were the best we ever received as a direct result of Dave Krause. His innovative field exercise really changed our presentation for the better. Our shooters shot better, handled the firearms better, and retained the material better.

We will be moving into our calendar planning for next year's programs very soon. I again would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership, and the Park District for all their support and look forward to more opportunities for the coming year.

Finally, I am happy to report that we have a high school looking into the possibility of having their Trap Shooting program at our club. The details are in their starting stages at this time, and we hope to make this part of our future Trap Shooting history. There are many High School Trap Shooting Programs in the southern portions of our own state for many years, along with National Programs. We will pass any developments along as they progress.

The Training Committee, our membership, and myself share in the great loss of Ray Courney. Ray, working with Ed Heasley, were my mentors when I joined the ranks of our training staff at our club. He had great stories, a sharp response to shooting questions, and always a big smile. I believe Ray was one of our first club members to complete a Conceal Carry Training Class in our membership. It is an honor and a privilege to have known him.

Be Safe

Dave Paulinski

NSC Training Committee Chair

Firearm Safety Corner

As reported by the ISRA there have been over 13.18 million background checks for new gun purchases to date for this year. Record after record of monthly sales are being broken over last year's numbers. Ammunition is available in very sparse internet sites at or near double the normal costs of the past. Ammunition suppliers are reporting at least March or April 2021, before the availability stabilizes.

The ISRA is also reporting (along with other sources) that the ISP projects FOID card holders to reach 4 million and Conceal Carry Licenses to double when processed in Illinois. I have also been told by "some," gun dealers that pistol manufacturers will not take orders until spring of 2021. This is due to the "pandemic," demand, and capacity of their operations.

These are trying times with an election right around the corner, businesses being destroyed by rioters and politicians, and law-abiding citizens being assaulted because of their views. Law Enforcement is under attack from its leadership to criminals, using them as targets. This has been going on far too long, and the law-abiding American citizens are taking a stand to protect themselves, their families, and property. I strongly urge these law-abiding citizens to seek the proper training, for the use of these firearms in these situations before the need to use them.

Special Notes:

The Illinois State Police has changed the log-in process for FOID and CCL application on their website. Make sure you have a cell phone when you log-in. You will be prompted to enter a phone number. You will be texted an access code on your phone which will be needed to complete your log-in. Another layer of security????

For CCL Renewals you will not be able to drop in your renewal certificates at the time of filing the renewal application. This is because the ISP has extended the need for the certification to 18 months due to the "pandemic." No set time has been offered to when the document will be required to download and paste.

When you process your renewals make sure to PRINT OUT your receipt and keep it with your FOID and OR CCL. That will make your expired FOID or CCL legal for the next 18 months or until you receive the new document. Finally, It is reported that the ISP has hired 12 new employees to process the incredible backlog of applications. "Your government works for you ???"

Be Safe and Stay Vigilant

Dave Paulinski

NSC Board Member

From Trap #4

It's been nearly a year since Sandy and I relocated from Naperville to Nevada with the temporary stay in Alabama. Our visit back to Illinois, in order to pick up a car and other stored personal items, was made extra special by seeing family and friends.

I can't tell you how nice it was to be back at Sportsman's Park, under the lights, shooting birds. Sitting in the clubhouse or out by the garage, seeing and kibitzing with so many folks, a few who I had not seen in many years... felt great – it was good to be back, if only for one night.

The other night, I was shooting at Clark County, the huge Nevada range outside Las Vegas. 2900 acres (alleged to be the largest shooting complex in the U.S.), with only a fraction developed... 25 existing combination trap and skeet fields, 5-Stand and Sporting Clays course, plus pistol and rifle... and it's in my backyard... 5 minutes away.

I shoot on Thursday Nights... imagine that. So, on Thursdays, while you're shooting in Naperville, I am shooting with you over the identical wireless release system, at the same time, just 1900 miles west on "trap #4".

Shot the other night, in 88-degree temps, in jeans and a tee-shirt. For us, we are just beginning to cool off from more than 2 months of 100+ degree days, without a drop of rain since April. The sky is black and stars shine without all the extraneous light, clouds and/or pollution from a big metropolitan area... even though the Las Vegas metro area has 1M folks. During the day, you seem to almost be able to touch the nearby mountains... which disappear at night, replaced by the brilliant lights of the Vegas Strip off in the far distance behind my back.

At this point, my shooting is limited to practice... only a couple rounds a week, with the 90T, now in hand. Still stretching my legs to find my way, but in between rounds, I take moment to look east and think of everyone there and know I am with you in spirit.

Stay well and break that clay. If your travels should bring you "west", please let me know... my BT99 guest gun is always available.

Best regards always,

Jay Spitz
Life Member

Any Interest in Illini Indians?

The **Illini Indians** is a not-for-profit organization which promotes the sport of trapshooting and good fellowship among its members. It cooperates with the Illinois State Trapshooters Association and the Amateur Trapshooting Association to support these goals. The Illini Indians was formed in 1931.

The primary way in which the Illini Indians promotes trapshooting is by offering prizes to its members (which are typically in addition to prizes provided by the hosting club) at those shoots designated as "Indian Shoots". Expanded Indian awards are presented at Indian "Zone Shoots," the Indian Day at the Silver Dollar Shoot and at the shoot known as the "Pow Wow" that is typically held in the late fall. The Pow Wow is usually a two-day shoot which features a free dinner buffet for each Illini Indian member.

Membership applications can be obtained by contacting the Indian Scribe:

E-Mail: Bruce Waide at illiniindians@gmail.com

Annual dues for Illini Indian membership are \$20.00. Annual membership for Juniors and Sub-Juniors is free. A \$5.00 initiation fee is charged to all new members.

ILLINI INDIANS
PROMOTING GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG SHOOTERS
Your organization's mission is to promote and support the sport of TRAPSHOOTING
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINI INDIANS
(Please print or type name last, first, middle, surname in full. Indicate by check membership and shooting year.)

Name (Last, First, Middle, Surname) _____ Shooting Year _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

E-mail address _____

Please member (include area code) _____

(Please fill in amounts in applicable below.)

Annual Dues	Membership Badge (w/your name & Illini Indian logo)
Regular \$20.00, Jr. & Sub. Jr. \$5.00	\$5.00 ea

If desired, name to be placed on badge: _____

Deduction in the trapshooting field (your preference to approximate)

Dues	TOTAL
_____	_____

Please return this application with remittance to shoot manager or

ILLINI INDIANS
c/o Bruce Waide (secretary/scribe)
13027 Red Oak Lane
Peotone, IL 60470

For questions call Bruce at 217-424-3511 or email illiniindians@gmail.com

We Lost a Good Friend

On October 23rd, the Naperville Sportsman's Club lost good friend, ardent supporter, and member - **Glen Ekey**. If you didn't have the opportunity to know Glen, you missed out on knowing a really great guy.

In my opinion, Glen was as responsible, for the very survival and continuing operation of Sportsman's Park, every bit as much as the credit that's given to Monk, myself and every other Club officer and director who committed themselves to ensuring Sportsman's would prevail .

Glen was executive director of the Naperville Park District from 1981 through 1996, a period of upheaval in our Club's operational history which saw competing entities vie for the City property we call home. As early as the 1970s, there were calls from within the City and park district for repurposing "our" 27 acres... everyone wanted the well-situated land for their own purpose... and shooting was the least of it.

In the late 1980s, the City mayor and council, gave the Club their intention to non-renew our land lease for the Martin-Mitchell property... leases that had existed for 40 years, back to 1948. It was past Club president Terry Ahearn and his board that negotiated with Glen and the City to incorporate "Sportsman's Park" under park district management with Club supervision and control. Glen always saw the bigger picture and the value that Sportsman's Park could continue to bring Naperville and its residents.

The tri-party agreement that was forged in 1988, was not without its issues. A few select residents and groups took action in multiple attempts to shutter Sportsman's, including the 32-month closure we were forced to endure, in 1998-2000 during my presidency, yet here we are and we continue to flourish.

After his tenure as the longest serving executive director in the park district's history, Glen became a member and when not in Arizona, would visit Sportsman's to join us on-range breaking clay with the best of us. I can still recall my last round with Glen last year before my move to Las Vegas. As with most of our conversations, we talked about our families, shooting and golf.

Glen Ekey was a good friend to Sportsman's and he will be greatly missed. Please keep Glen and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jay Spitz
Life Member

Another Good Friend Lost



Ray Courney was a member of the club for eighteen years. Ray passed away October 25,2020.

During that time as a club member Ray served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors, chaired the Political Action Committee, assisted in the quarterly Trap Fundamentals and Hunter Safety Classes. Ray was also instrumental in working with the Park District to honor Jim Monk by naming our Trap Fields the "Jim Monk Trap Fields".

Ray believed strongly that any member of an organization should be an active member and participate fully in the organization's activities.

Rest in Peace Ray. We'll see you on the other side.

Friends at Naperville Sportsman's Club

2020 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
Sun, 19 – NSC Doubles league starts*		Sun, 8 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 15 – NSC Irish Open Thu, 26 – NSC Singles League starts **
April	May	June
Sun, 12 – Club Closed - Easter Sun, 19 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 19 – ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Sat, 9 – Hunter Safety Field Day Sun, 10 – Club Closed – Mother’s Day Sun, 31 – ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Tue-Sun, 16-21 – Illinois State Shoot Sat, 20 – NSC Member Picnic Thur, 25 – NSC Handicap Championship
July	August	September
Sun, 12 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Sun, 19 – ATA (Naperville – targets only)	Wed-Sun, 5 - 9 – ATA Grand American Preliminary events Mon-Sat, 10 -15 – ATA Grand American Championship events Sun, 16 – Trapshooting Fundamentals	Sat, 5 – Hunter Safety Field Day Sun, 13 – Trapshooting Fundamentals Thu, 17 – NSC Wobble league starts***
October	November	December
Sun, 4 – ATA (Naperville - trophy shoot) Sun, 4 – Game Cook Sun, 11 – Trapshooting Fundamentals	Thu, 12 – NSC Gobble Wobble Shoot Thu, 26 – Club Closed - Thanksgiving	Sun, 27 – New Year’s Protection Shoot

*-NSC Doubles League – 25 pair of doubles each Sunday for seven weeks, ends March 1

**-NSC Singles League – 50 singles targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends May 14

***-NSC Wobble League – 50 wobble targets each Thursday for eight weeks, ends November 5

Officers and Board Members

President: Jim Monk

Vice President: Michael Moore

Secretary: Fred Turek

Treasurer: Tom Coleman

Nenad Trichkovski: Director '20

Steve Pfister: Director '20

Charlie Tlapa: Director '21

John McGuire: Director '21

Dave Paulinski: Director '22

Jim Chakour: Director '22

Park District Liaison: David Naydenoff

Newsletter Editor/Publisher: Tom Coleman

Club Information

The Naperville Sportsman's Club

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www.NapervilleSportsmansClub.org

Board/Member Meetings: 7:30 PM, 2nd Tuesday

Range Information

Sportsman's Park Trap Range

735 S. West Street

Naperville, IL 60566

Clubhouse phone: 630-848-2124

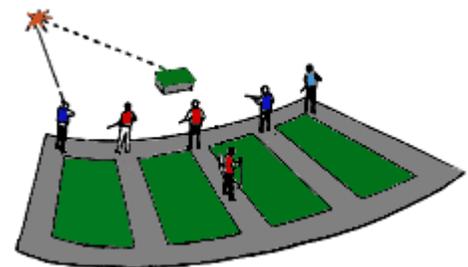
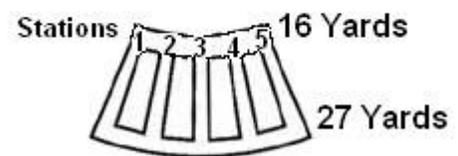
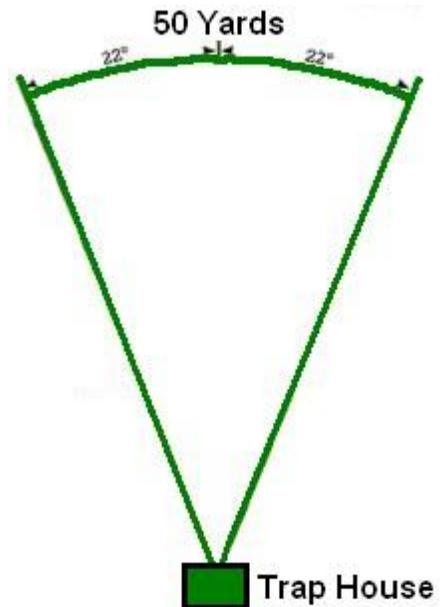
Hours of Operation:

Thursdays: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Sundays: 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Final Signup at 4:00 PM

Hours are subject to weather and attendance, holidays, and community events

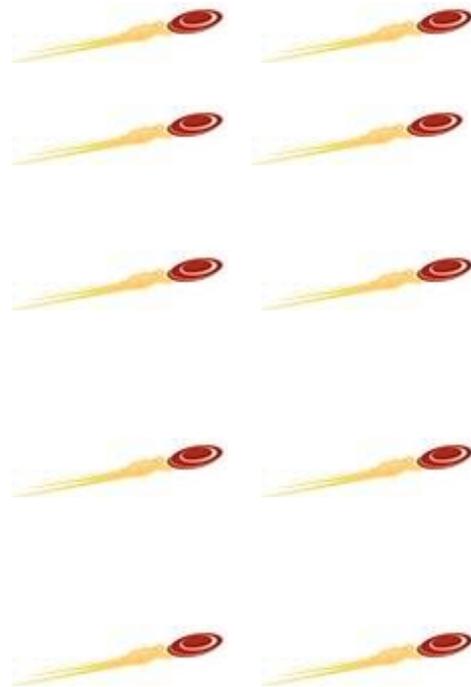
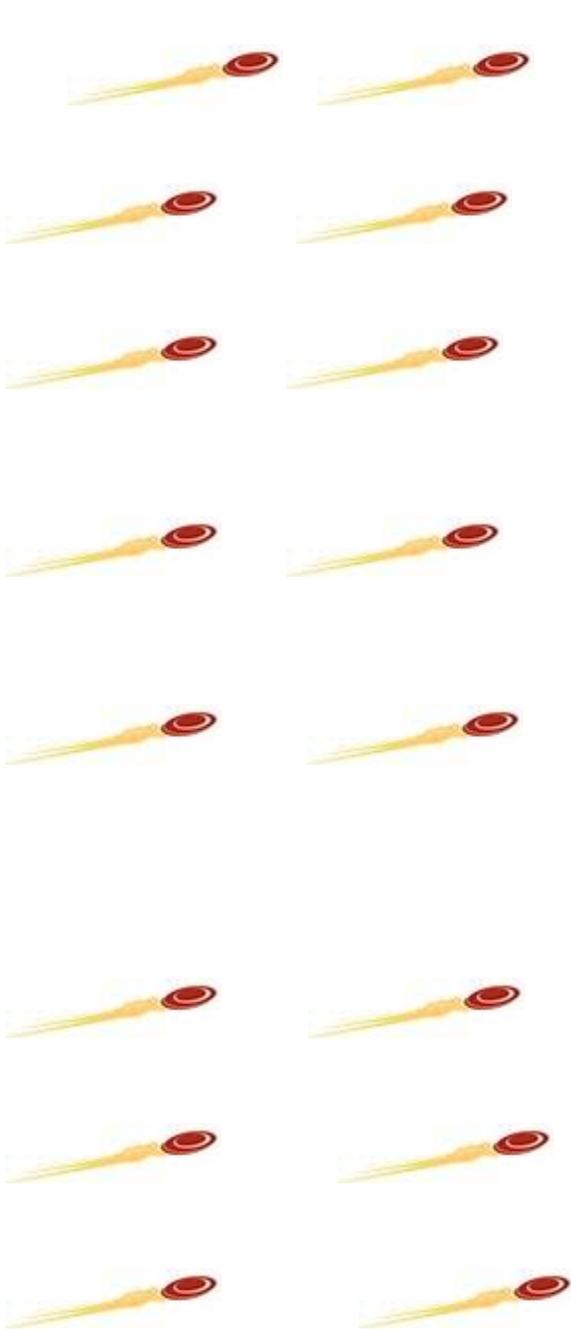
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November 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Club Open	2	3	4	5 Club Open	6	7
8 Club Open New Member orientation	9	10 NSC Board & Member Meeting – 7:30 PM	11	12 Club Open Gobble Wobble!!	13	14
15 Club Open	16	17	18	19 Club Open	20	21
22 Club Open	23	24	25	26 Club Closed Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 Club Open	30					

December 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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